



Docket No.: 1232-5421

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): YAMADA et al. Group Art Unit: TBD  
Serial No.: 10/849,954 Examiner: TBD  
Filed: May 20, 2004 Confirmation No. TBD  
For: INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS, PRINT HEAD  
PERFORMANCE RECOVERING DEVICE, AND PRINT  
HEAD PERFORMANCE RECOVERING METHOD

**CLAIM TO CONVENTION PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application and under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55, applicant(s) claim(s) the benefit of the following prior application(s):

Application(s) filed in: Japan  
In the name of: Canon Kabushiki Kaisha  
Serial No(s): 2003-146964  
Filing Date(s): May 23, 2003

- ☒ Pursuant to the Claim to Priority, applicant(s) submit(s) a duly certified copy of said foreign application.
- ☐ A duly certified copy of said foreign application is in the file of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: July, 8 2004

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